Foreign Companies in Drug/Pharmaceutical Sector

2069. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreign multinational companies operating in India in drug/pharmaceutical sector have hardly made any new investment in this sector since long;

(b) if so, the details of such companies which have more than 25 per cent foreign equity in drug sector; and

(c) the production of various drugs by each such company and import of those drugs during each of the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Since 1990 industrial approvals involving investment of Rs. 104 crores have been given to companies which have more than 26% foreign equity.

(c) The production data of bulk drugs of individual companies or the company-wise data of imports are not monitored.

Purchase of imported Oxytetracycline

2070. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large quantities of imported Oxytetracycline have been purchased by Pfizer and one or two other parties and if so, what are the details of the quantities produced and at what price;

(b) whether it is also a fact that large quantities of Tetracycline have been procured by M/s. Hoechst and M/s. Sandoz at price lower than
Government fixed price and if so, what are the details for the last three years;

(c) what steps have been taken to bring down the price of Doxycycline and the formulations, based on Tetracycline based on such procurement;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government is shielding such activity by dropping powers of recovery in such cases as were available under DPCO, 1979; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Company-wise imports of drugs/formulations are not monitored.

(c) The prices of bulk drugs are fixed/revised based on the study conducted by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, which is an expert body of the Government in this matter.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Increase in prices of non-scheduled formulations

2071. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug companies have increased the prices of non-scheduled formulations having turnover of Rs. 3 crores per annum or more, very steeply;

(b) if so, what was the price of each pack, each such formulation having turnover of more than Rupees three crores in 1987, what is the price now and what is the percentage increase;

(c) whether it is a fact that bonus schemes have been introduced alongwith high rate of commissions and discounts at the level of chemists but prices for the consumers are not being reduced;

(d) the names of products in whose case bonus schemes and high commissions have been given during the last two years;

(e) what steps have been taken to put a stop to this wasteful practice;

(f) whether Government have proposed steps in the review of Drug Policy; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) No study of increase in prices of non-scheduled formulations vis-a-vis their turnover has been made. However, on the basis of a sample analysis, increases of more than 75% over the prices prevailing at the time of com-

mencement of DPCO, 1987 have taken place in 20-21% cases of non-scheduled formulations.

(c) to (g) Such details are not monitored.

PAC recommendations on production and price of drugs

2072. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the PAC recommendation to closely monitor production and prices of drugs and intermediates subjected to duty concession have been ignored; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. As stated in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 245 answered on 13-5-1993, the recommendations contained in the 5th report of the Public Accounts Committee 10th Lok Sabha (1991-92) regarding monitoring of customs duty concessions, are general in nature and not specific to drugs. It is reported that the Ministry of Finance has already furnished an action taken note the on said recommendations of the Committee.

Production of Acetic Anhydride

2073. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a notification has been made to monitor and control the production of Acetic Anhydride;

(b) whether large quantities of this chemical have been going to Pakistan and Myanmaar;

(c) the estimated amount of the chemical produced in the country;

(d) whether Acetic Anhydride is used for other purposes besides conversion of opium into heroin; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are no exports of Acetic Anhydride to Pakistan and Myanmaar.

(c) The estimated production of Acetic Anhydride during 1992-93 is 32,600 MT.

(d) and (e) Acetic Anhydride is used in the manufacture of Acetyl Compounds, Cellulose Acetates etc. It is a commonly used acetulizer and solvent. It is widely used in organic synthesis as a dehydrating agent in nitration, sulphonation and other reactions.

DAP plants in the country

2074. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of DAP plants in the country and their location;

(b) the quantity of DAP produced indigenously;

(c) what are the annual requirement of DAP in the country; and

(d) by which year the country would become self-sufficient in DAP ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) There are 10 DAP plants in the country. The name of these plants alongwith their locations are as follows :—

(i) Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Ltd., Kandla (Gujarat).

(ii) Gujarat State Fertilizers Company Ltd., Baroda (Gujarat).

(iii) Gujarat State Fertilizers Company Ltd., Sikka (Gujarat).

(iv) Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd., Goa.

(v) Godavari Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh).

(vi) Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd., Mangalore (Karnataka).

(vii) Southern Petrochemicals Industries Corporation, Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu).

(viii) Paradeep Phosphates Ltd., Paradeep (Orissa).

(ix) Hindustan Lever Ltd., Haldia (West Bengal).

(x) Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd., Cochin (Kerala).

(b) Production of DAP in the country during the last 3 years has been as under :—

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Quantity
1990-91	19.05
1991-92	28.65
1992-93	25.95